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LOUISIANA COASTAL AREA

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- Medium Diversion at Myrtle Grove with Dedicated Dredging (MDMG)
 - The feasibility study and EIS for MDMG is currently under way. The project team is conducting extensive basin side and river side modeling to inform the development of alternatives. A Construction Report is scheduled for October 2014.
- Barataria Basin Barrier Shoreline Restoration (BBBS)
 - The BBBS Final Integrated Construction Report and EIS are near completion. A Chief of Engineers' report is scheduled for June 2012.
- Small Diversion at Hope Canal
- Small Bayou Lafourche Reintroduction
 - The Small Diversion at Hope Canal and Small Bayou Lafourche Reintroduction studies require cost share agreements with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana to begin.

LCA 4

- Four projects are conditionally authorized for construction upon completion of a Chief of Engineers Report, as outlined in WRDA 2007 – Section 7006(e)(1). These 4 projects are:
 - Gulf Shoreline at Point Au Fer Island
 - The feasibility study and EIS are under way with the identification of a Tentatively Selected Plan scheduled for October 2012. A Chief of Engineers Report is scheduled for October 2013.
 - Land bridge between Caillou Lake and Gulf of Mexico
 - The feasibility study and EIS are under way and the team is currently reviewing the draft Tentatively Selected Plan based on sustainability guidance received from USACE HQ. A Chief of Engineer's report is scheduled for October 2013.
 - Modification of Caernarvon Diversion
 - The feasibility study and EIS are under way and the team is using H&H modeling to inform the study process. A newly developed path forward requires completion of the report with a recommended plan by November 2013.
 - Modification of Davis Pond Diversion
 - The feasibility study and EIS are under way and the Project Development Team is close to selecting a recommended plan. The scheduled study completion date is November 2013.

Other LCA Efforts

The BUDMAT program focuses on the beneficial use of sediment from Federally-maintained waterways in coastal Louisiana. Program costs are designed to be above and beyond the Federal Standard, which currently dictates beneficial use by the Corps of Engineers. The Corps is currently preparing a cost share agreement with CPRA to begin the annual process of soliciting, screening, selecting, planning and designing beneficial use projects for implementation in Fiscal Year 2013.

The DEMO program focuses on addressing scientific, engineering and technical uncertainties related to LCA coastal restoration projects. Currently, the team is developing Project Management Plans for three demonstration projects in advance of the execution of a Design Agreement in Fiscal Year 2013.

The Mississippi River Hydrodynamic and Delta Management Study, which is under way, is an important effort that will identify and evaluate a combination of large-scale management and restoration features to address the long-term sustainability of the lower Mississippi River Deltaic Plain. Hydrodynamic models and other forecasting tools will be used to refine current data on existing water and sediment resources in the Mississippi River that are potentially available to aid in restoring and sustaining deltaic growth in the Mississippi River Delta. These tools will also be used to assess the projected benefits and potential impacts of large-scale strategies that could be recommended for implementation and would balance the interests of ecosystem restoration, flood risk reduction and navigation.

Additional information on the Louisiana Coastal Area program, and specific projects within the program, is available at www.lca.gov.

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